

October 11, 2011

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Dixon; Cecil Waters; Ed Adams; Elaine Springer; Sue and Gary Shelton; Bruce Kueber; Geneva James; Frank Didelot – JCI; Nancy Sexton; Judy Whitten; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting, Chief Beloit; and Supt. Givens.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating member were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented.

Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Chief Beloit arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Board member Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

CLAIMS*

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

Chairman Curtis stated he has no report.

Supt. Gray stated he has no report.

Chairman Curtis asked if Supt. Gray had heard anything from Shephard on the possible purchase of the building ?

Supt. Gray replied yes, and their offer was accepted.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda, they have a water adjustment. He then asked Bruce Kueber to approach the podium.

Mr. Kueber stated his bill was \$188.84, and he paid the bill. He then stated he found there was a leak between the meter and the house, and he has since made the repairs.

Supt. Gray added he could have made this adjustment at the office as this is Mr. Kueber's first adjustment, but he paid the bill. He added he is looking at copies of the repair bill and they have checked the meter, the leak is fixed. He then stated the adjustment will be \$139.33.

Board member Curtis moved the adjustment be allowed. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Board voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kueber left the meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Board member Curtis stated at the last meeting, the Board authorized a contract with JCI (Johnson Controls, Inc.) for Phase 3, pending legal and financial review. He added Attorney Higgins has reviewed the contract, but Umbaugh has not as of yet. He stated the Board needs that review and they need to authorize Umbaugh to do that. He then moved the Board authorized Umbaugh to conduct a financial study on the JCI contract, as soon as possible. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Board voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Dixon; Cecil Waters; Ed Adams; Elaine Springer; Sue and Gary Shelton; Geneva James; Nancy Sexton; Judy Whitten; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; Chief Beloat; and Supt. Givens.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating member were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilwoman Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Fuelling stated he has no report.

Comm. Maynard was not present.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairwoman Askren stated she has no report.

Chief Beloat stated District 4 Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be held November 3 at 7:00 pm at the Mt. Vernon General Baptist Church. He then stated the Annual Halloween Candy Give Away will be on October 31st, from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairman Hoehn stated he has no report.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairwoman Higgins stated she has no report.

Supt. Givens stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda, beginning with the third reading of the Ordinance Establishing Salaries and Wages for Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Mount Vernon, IN for the Year Ending December 31, 2012.

Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass on final reading. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.
Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 10-11.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is a Public Hearing on the Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for the Year Ending December 31, 2012.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated tonight will only be a public hearing, there will be no reading on the ordinance, as it has been advertised for final passage on October 24th.

Mayor Tucker opened the Public Hearing by asking if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council on the ordinance ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now close the Public Hearing.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is a Resolution of Loan.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated the Resolution is needed to help some funds get through the month before tax money is received. She stated General \$250,000; Park \$20,000; and MVHF \$50,000. She added loans will be paid back as soon as settlement is received and she believes at the end of September, the General Fund was down to around \$89,000.00.

Councilman Hoehn moved the Resolution pass. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 11-12.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is an Ordinance of Additional Appropriation in the COIT fund.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added the COIT fund pays a portion of the employees' health insurance premiums, and the bad thing is that at budget time, they have no idea what the rates will be for the new year, as that renewal date is in December. She further stated at that time is also open enrollment and many times coverages change as well. She stated this is not a request for additional tax money, rather this is from the COIT fund, which receives monthly county distributions. The COIT fund is also not 100% appropriated at budget time, there is a surplus there. She concluded by stating after this reading, the ordinance will need to be advertised and there will need to be public hearing, after that time, it is sent to the State for approval – this is about a 45 day process.

Councilwoman Higgins moved ordinance pass first reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

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Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Councilwoman Higgins stated she just a few hours ago returned from IACT, where they had many new ideas for cities – mainly lots of going green – that is very big.
Mayor Tucker agreed and added they have JCI address that already.
Councilwoman Higgins added it really got her energized.

Mayor Tucker stated under New Business, he asks that Supt. Gray once again head up the “crow/black bird committee” .

Supt. Gray replied he would be happy to.

Mayor Tucker then asked that Councilwoman Higgins and Larry Williams head up Christmas on Main Street.

Councilwoman Higgins replied they have it scheduled for December 3.

Councilman Curtis stated the left out the Financial Statement and Communications from the Clerk-Treasurer.

Mayor Tucker acknowledged the oversight and added they have the September Financials and any questions could b directed to Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman. He then asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilwoman Askren stated she has no report.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated he has no report.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated she has no report.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
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